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WITH THE STAFF

To the Members of the Class of 1932-33:

Greeting! Congratulations on the fact that so many of you managed to secure positions! In those positions we are confident you are aiming to maintain the highest possible professional standards. If conditions sometimes make it difficult to reach your ideal, remember it is better far to aim at perfection and succeed only in part, than to be content with half-hearted effort.

"Aim at a golden garment and you may win a sleeve."

G. A. BROWN

It is a pleasure to send greetings to the class of 1932-33. I hope that a large per cent of the class is by now profitably engaged in teaching. While I would wish "profitably" meant financially so, yet even if it is not a financial success it is nevertheless experience which I sincerely hope is proving of a worth-while sort. A quotation from "Schohaus" seems quite apropos. Here it is: "It is indeed tremendously difficult to remain humble in a position where one is the most mature and possessed of the greatest knowledge instead of being of an average ability. It is hard always to be an authority and at the same time to remain conscious of the fact that one is a servant. It is difficult to gain a correct perspective of the position that as teacher in the classroom one is burdened with the most responsibility and in spite of that is the least important person present."

But I would not have you too serious. I hope the atmosphere of yourself and class is happy, jelly, with lots of room for play.

CHAS. S. STEWART

When thinking of the teaching profession in this province I like to express not

IRENE HILLSON

It is the sincere desire of every member of the Alumni Society that we dedicate the first issue of our paper to the memory of Irene Hillson.

Our memories of her pleasing personality, her cheery smile and her beautiful voice can never be taken from us. These qualities are best brought back by one of her dear friends, Blanche Gibbings:

TO IRENE HILLSON

In Memory of a Friend

It's a short half year since we left there,
And each went a different way;
It's hard to realize that someone
Cannot be among us today.

We remember the dearest of comrades,
With a sweet and quiet smile,
A clear voice, winning your heart with
song,
Come to brighten this world for awhile.

She was always willing and ready
To work or play with the rest;
No matter what was before us,
She was sure to be one of the best.

To show our sorrow and loneliness
There's so little we can do,
But I know we'll always remember
That dear pal, so sweet and true.

H. B. G.

only the wishes but the opinions that from the standpoint of service and efficiency the class of 1932-33 will stand out pre-eminently. It seems to me that with many this thought may be very satisfying and may serve as a greater incentive towards raising the esteem of the teacher in the eyes of the general public.

J. R. GAGNE

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ROOM A

Far and wide, in all parts of the province, can be found members of Room "A." So far is the spreading of these ambitious people that some of them are in Alberta while some have ventured as far distant as Toronto.

Mr. Coutts, who was ever eager to help us is travelling abroad in Europe. A well earned rest for a fine teacher.

The Allcock sisters are still in the northern part of the province. Gwen is teaching at Coleville, while Jean is at Beaufield.

Helen Bachmeier began her duties very soon after Normal closed. She is at Roadene, Sask.

Jessie Babcock finds all her time taken up in teaching seven grades at Lake Valley.

Violet Bradley is teaching in her home school, near Woodrow, to which she went for seven years. It is probably very familiar to her.

Down in Orangeville, Ont., can be found Isabelle Bradley. Shortly after Normal closed she had a wonderful trip through Illinois, Indiana and Michigan, ending up in Ontario.

Twenty-five miles from her home town Margaret Brock is teaching nineteen pupils of Norwegian descent. Her address is Penzance.

Aileen Carnrike, according to latest reports, is teaching north of Maple Creek.

The "Spirit of the Institution" is being spread far and wide by the young men of our room. Wilfred Edwards is at Wolfe, Gordon Baker is at Murraydale, Allan Bestrop near Morse, Herbert Calver is near Dubuc, and Roy Atkinson has ventured to Empress, Alberta.

Les petites mademoiselles Emma Gareau and Irene Gaudet both have schools. Irene is at Bellevue and Emma at St. Front.

Before Eva Clarke had an opportunity to forget all the principles she learned at Normal, she was putting them into practice. She began teaching and is at Hart.

Among those who are preparing tempting dishes for their family, we find Gladys Cockburn, Bessie Dignan and Lillian Bobiash.

Jean Coutts is teaching in a Scandinavian district near Broadview. She likes her school, the district and the young men.

Madeleine Cudmore is spending the winter months at home, but will return to her school near Eastend in March.

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ROOM B

It is with a touch of sadness that we reassemble Room "B," for one of our classmates, Irene Hillson, is no longer with us. Though she has been taken away our memory of her will linger on.

Mr. Murray, our roommaster, is inspector in the Meyronne inspectorate, but at present is back at Normal, giving advice in his kindly way to some two hundred teachers-in-training.

Our former presidents, Fred Ennis and John Lentsch, are teaching; Fred at Ravenscrag and John at Tompkins.

Florence Hollings is teaching at Piapot. Dorothy Jewitt is teaching about eight miles from Webb and likes her work very well.

Bob Lilly is teaching at Main Centre, not far from Herbert. He'll be a "Busy B." as he is batching.

Violet Johnson spent most of the summer in the Okanagan Valley, but is now teaching in Mr. Murray's inspectorate.

Walter Hoshowsky is teaching near Vanguard.

Near Rosetown we find Blanche Gibbings, walking two and a half miles to school. Good ole "P.T."

Teaching Grade Four in Gull Lake Town School, we find Edythe Gibson.

Hazel Garrett is teaching near Crestwynd, while Gladys Eidt is located near Bethune.

Mildred Elliot is teaching near Loomis.

Pauline Kostiuik is teaching near Shaunavon. She has eleven grades and forty pupils.

Twenty-five miles northeast of Maple Creek is located Mildred Evans' school.

Mollie Ediss is at present librarian at the Normal School.

Among those hoping to get schools we find Marg Haney, Dot Grainger, Gordon Hamilton, Alice Hitchcock, Anna Kleregaard, Mary Kot and Edith Jackson.

Irene Haigh is being "mother's little helper" and Catherine Duffy is working in Ponteix as a stenographer.

We are expecting to hear from you all again on March 1, 1934.

A REMINDER

The success of our Alumni Society rests chiefly on its officers. They are anxious to make it go, but they must have the support and co-operation of every member. This support can most easily be shown by writing promptly to your room secretary, when the two days, October 1 and March 1, come around.

ROOM C

The roommaster of Room "C," Mr. Gagné, is still teaching Psychology, etc., at the Normal School. And by the way how high an I.Q. did he say we have or had?

Dorothy Law has, since Christmas, begun her duties near Lewvan.

Colma Murdock is still applying for schools, and is applying a badminton racquet with much success.

Isabelle MacTavish is still in Moose Jaw, making a name for herself in sports.

Irene Morrow is teaching near Kipling.

With an enrolment of over sixty, we find Dave Michayluk teaching near Wynyard.

Vera Nelson is teaching twelve miles from home.

Teaching near McEachren, we find Nina Malasky.

Myrna Leslie lives at home and drives four and a half miles to school.

Near Tompkins is located Hazel McGinnis's school.

Away for a holiday at St. Louis is Catherine Muirhead.

Ruth Krueger is teaching grades 1 to 4 in her home town of Kelstern.

Isabel and Grace McCrie both have schools.

Sitting busily at a typewriter in the Moose Jaw Technical School is Bessie McGrath.

Bill Low is very busy in his school near Kerrobert.

Dorothy MacDonald is employed as a nurse in the Mental Hospital at Weyburn.

Near Herbert is located Cornelius Penner. He likes teaching, but the remuneration?

Neva Proctor has not yet taken over her first school.

Ruby Peterson has a school near Horse Creek. Mr. Murray is her inspector.

Teaching in the Hazenmore School is Mary Lovely. She has grades 5, 6 and 7.

Struggling through an hour of French each day can be found Bennie McKinnon, somewhere in the Herbert Inspectorate.

Josephine Nelson suggests that they start a camp for unemployed teachers.

Marie Paskaruk has high hopes of getting a school after Christmas.

Douglas Mitchell has a sweet school. He is teaching in the Sugar Loaf S.D., near Crane Valley.

Ella Larson is teaching near Shaunavon. She took charge after Christmas.

Mildred Lloyd is among the unemployed of North Battleford.

ROOM D

Much against Mr. Murray's advice, Anne Roemer is living in a teacherage and is teaching school, ten miles southwest of Morse. S'all right, the secretary and chairman have no grown up sons.

Anna Robinson is teaching just fourteen miles out of Tompkins.

Seven miles southwest of Estevan we find Marion Rooney in a "swell school."

From Winnipeg comes a letter from Genevieve Tysdal. She is attending the Winnipeg Bible Institute.

Ogden Turner is teaching near Central Butte. His hours of work are 7.30 a.m. to 12 midnight. We suggest an NRA Code, Ogden.

"I like this life very much, the children are so interesting and so keen to learn," says Jean Rutherford from Tugaske.

R. Wigmore is teaching at Ceylon, about seventy miles south of Regina. He has twenty-four children (including himself), with Grades I to IX, inclusive.

Kay Ryder is working in the Relief Office in Swift Current. In relief, not on.

Dorothy Passmore (née D. Seebach) finds married life just fine. Best of luck, Dorothy.

"I am teaching and enjoy it," says Bernadette Rheault, from Lac Pelletier, Sask.

Olive Shaw has a school six miles from her home and is having a very busy time.

At Blumenhof, some twenty miles from Swift Current, Jacob Wiebe "has been initiated as a rustic school master."

In the land of heavy snows is John A. Slater. Slater is teaching fifteen miles from Parkbeg.

Having his ups and downs in "ye Anderson cart" is S. L. Vicary. Vicary is teaching near Coronach.

Eighteen miles from her home at Penant is Ruby Wright. "I have fourteen pupils. They are the best pupils I have ever had," says Ruby.

From McCord comes the heavy news that Ethel Thomson has not as yet a school. Try, try again, Ethel.

At Swan Valley we find Lillian Field. She is teaching five miles south of her home.

Christine Sondrol is teaching Grades Four and Five in Cabri Town School.

Grace Smith is teaching eight miles north of Mazenod. She has eight grades and thirty-one pupils.

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"Notwithstanding time, events and distance a man has travelled on the road of life, he is a bad fellow who can forget the friends of his youth."

I am sure when the roll is called there will be none who are "bad." Should there be any who have failed to answer, who have apparently forgotten, let those present seek the reason; they may only need the helping hand-clasp and sympathy of a friend. By the way, who are the friends of our Normal school days? All who were in attendance? Well, were they? Why not? Cheerio, and good luck!

GEO. W. MURRAY.

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I am glad to avail myself of this opportunity of renewing contact with you through the pages of the Alumni Society Re-Echoes.

Our year together at Normal was a happy one and no doubt an experience we all look back upon with feelings of affection.

May this year bring forth better circumstances for those who are not yet able to materialize their ambitions.

My kindest thoughts,

R. T. BEVAN

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I have as usual very little to say, but what I do say will be said with the utmost sincerity. I have no doubt that by this time you will have made many wishes, amongst them being that you were still in attendance at the Normal School, but we all have to put our shoulder to the wheel, so why not now? You are fortunate in knowing that you are able to carry on in spite of the difficulties which appear on every side, and you will be amply repaid in the results you get in your chosen profession, so keep your eyes to the front, head up, and be able to smile no matter what the cost.

SGT. CUMMINGS

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Kindest remembrances and best wishes to all members of Class '32-'33.

Very sincerely,

ELIZABETH SMITH

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Here is the essence of modern psychology. Everything (within human possibility) comes true if you desire hard enough, if you study hard enough, and if you work hard enough.

EDITORIAL

This is the first paper put out by the Normal School Alumni Society of 1932-33. It was the desire of the editors to have published the paper earlier, but this was impossible, as we received no word from many of our members. However, here it is, and we hope you like it. We welcome all material and suggestions for improvement. Our space is limited but we will print what we can. It is your paper, make it the best possible.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Alumni Society of Moose Jaw Normal School 1932-33

Balance in Bank, June 5, 1933	\$14.00
Fees received to Jan. 12, 1934	25.50
Total received	\$39.50
Expenses incurred from June 16, 1933, to Jan. 22, 1934	4.18
(Not including cost of paper)	
Balance	\$35.32

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Let us have faith that right makes might, and in that faith let us do our duty as we understand it.

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The big things of life are never done by a fussy man. Poise is one of the earmarks of mental strength.

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ROOM A

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Elsie Currie is in Toronto, visiting her parents and brothers whom she hasn't seen in three years.

Renetta Buhr is having a very busy time instructing her forty-six pupils near Drake.

At Southview, Sask., we find Elizabeth Assof instructing her pupils in the three R's.

Marion Clappitt is teaching at Glentworth.

There are some of Room "A" members who haven't written in. These people are Harold Elliott and Irene Cole.

Adeline Bolster is teaching at Borderland, Sask.

Elizabeth Armstrong is teaching near Swift Current.